STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

ITEM 7

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT THAT CREATED THE CALIFORNIA STORMWATER AUTHORITY

DISCUSSION

In April 2018, the State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2018-0017 approving formation of the California Stormwater Authority (Authority) through a Joint Powers Agreement (Agreement) between the State Water Board, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Authority was formed to facilitate collaborative stormwater research, develop tools to assist permittees to comply with stormwater permits and support water supply enhancement projects. The Agreement was executed on June 1, 2018. Activities to start up the Authority such as developing and executing bylaws, purchasing insurance, and convening the board were funded by the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA). Over the past three years, despite much outreach and investigation, no projects have been identified that the Authority could undertake to fulfill its mission. As such, the Authority Board has voted to terminate the Agreement and dissolve the Authority. The State Board resolution would formally withdraw the State Water Board from the Agreement.

POLICY ISSUE

The purposes for which the Authority was created have not been fulfilled and CASQA has determined to cease funding for the Authority effective January 1, 2022. The Agreement provides the mechanisms for its termination.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of this resolution will not have a negative fiscal impact to the State Water Board.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Board adopt the resolution to withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement that created the California Stormwater Authority, resulting in termination of the Agreement.